(*d*) whether they have fixed minimum quantity of beedies, cigars and other preparations of tobacco which could be carried by *bonafide* passengers for their personal use ; and

(*e*) why this difference is maintained and what are the reasons for this differentiation between cigarettes which are assessed to duty and cigars and other preparations of tobacco not assessed to duty ?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes ; but only under Customs and Tobacco Rules and when the minimum prescribed for duty free import is exceeded.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) In the interest of Government Revenue.

Export of jaggery.

141 * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of permits issued by the Excise Commissioner for the transport of jaggery from our State to outside places during the years 1119 and 1120 respectively ; and

(*b*) the total quantity of jaggery exported during the aforesaid period from our State ?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan :

(a) 1119 M. E. ... 58
1120 M. E. ... 26

(*b*) 1119 M. E. ... 10,135 cwts.
1120 M. E. ... 309 cwts.

Industrial loans.

142 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1121 for industrial loans.

(*b*) the total amount asked for in such applications: and

(*c*) the amount of loan sanctioned during the year ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Two

(*b*) Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 10,000,

(*c*) Rs. 3,500.

Model Factories.

143 * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have ever contemplated the establishment of model coir and cashewnut factories under the management of the Department of Industries ?

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Dr. H. Parameswaran: No.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: വ്യാവസായികപുരോഗതിയെ പരിഗണിച്ച് വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പുതുതായി എന്തെല്ലാം ചുമതലകളാണ് കൈക്കൊള്ളാൻ പോകുന്നതെന്ന് പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: പല സ്കീമുകളും തുടങ്ങി വേല ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്:

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: തുടങ്ങീട്ടുള്ളവയിൽ ഒന്നുരണ്ടെണ്ണം പറയാമോ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: ഇപ്പോൾ നാം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന മുക്കുകണ്ണാടികൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുക, മൈക്രോസ്കോപ്പ് ലെൻസുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുക മുതലായവയെ ഉദാഹരണമായ് പറയാം.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: അതു ലാഭകരമാണോ ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: അതു പരീക്ഷിച്ചു നോക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. രാജ്യത്ത് എത്രപേർ ഇതെടുക്കാൻ പോകുന്നുവെന്നൊക്കെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചേ പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഇതു ലാഭകരമായിരിക്കുമോ ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: ഇതുവരെ ലാഭകരമായിട്ടാണ് കാണുന്നതു്.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know who advised the Government in the matter of taking shares in the Joint Stock Companies ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar: The Government themselves examine the prospectus of the Company and then take shares.

President: Most of these Companies have been started with the help of Government. The Travancore Credit Bank, The Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, The Travancore Plywood Industries Ltd., were started by Government or were sponsored by Government. The K. D. H. P. Limited—it was considered necessary that this Company was having priority in the hills and it was thought that the Government should get as big a share in the Company as possible. The Government's idea is ultimately to get the bulk of the interests of the share capital in the K. D. H. P. Company so that the territory of Munnar might be completely under the control of Government and the operations of the Company might also be subject to the general policy of Government. Therefore the idea is to purchase in the market, but

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sufficient number of shares has not been forthcoming and the Company have been told that under modern conditions and in the future, Government will see to it that they get the bulk of the shares in these big Companies which are operating in the State. The idea is it might be known elsewhere—Government propose to have the majority of interests in the K. D. H. P. Company and in all the Companies operating in the Munnar area.

The Ugale Glass Manufacturing Co., the Fertilisers and Chemicals, the Punalur Paper Mills, the Tata Locomotive and Engineering Co. Ltd.,—it was considered that the Government should start these things with a view to have an exchange in the matter of all India concerns like these. The Travancore Steam Navigation Co.,—this was sponsored directly at the response of the Government because the coastal communication for the future will be found of great importance to India and the Indian coast. There is a committee now set up by the Government of India of which I am the Chairman. The object of the committee is to make out the future of coastal navigation. An interim report has also been made saying that coastal communication of India should be confined only to Indian Nationals and Indian ships. The fact that only Indian ships will be allowed to have coastal navigation was the first charge. Indian national will play a great part and hence in this venture the Government have to take part another enterprise. The Balarama Varma Textiles Ltd., is also a local enterprise. We wanted textiles not for the purpose of weaving but spinning in order to produce yarn. We are too much dependent for yarn on other places in India and therefore certain number of textile factories has to be started and hence the Government are encouraging them for the purpose of making ourselves more selfsufficient in the matter of yarn. With regard to the Travancore Electro Chemical Industries we have a tremendous scope for utilising electric energy and at present we are importing machinery from Sweeden, England and America. With the starting of this company we can produce most of the things here. Travancore Rayons Ltd., which will produce artificial silk will be one of the biggest concerns in India although it is a private one. Shares have been subscribed to this Company many times over. It is a very important concern and it would be addition to our Handloom Industry. The Rayon Industry will supply the needs of the State. The Indian Aluminium Company was started as iron and steel were scarce in the State. It is therefore considered that a high class heavy industry could be taken up here. We have taken shares in that company also. A hundred rupees share of that company is now being quoted at Rs. 639. The Pandiyan Insurance Company is

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[President.]

also a very important concern and having regard to third party insurance we are contemplating on a few big Insurance companies in the State in which the Government should have an interest. A certain number of curious questions have been asked about the Travancore Bank. We wanted a first rate bank of international importance. The twenty five rupees share in this Bank is being sold at Rs. 52. Similar is the case with regard to Central Banking Corporation of Travancore. The Vijayamohini Mills Ltd., is similar to the Balarama Varma Textiles. In regard to the West Coast Fisheries, we in partnership with the Government of India have explored the possibility of deep sea fishing. We have given facilities for a local enterprise to help us in that scheme. I have already indicated the point with regard to the Lakshmi Textiles and the Electrical and Allied Industries.

These are investments to Government directly engages in from the point of view of the immediate future of the State. If honourable members want any more doubts to be cleared, I shall be glad to do so. I do not want any doubt or suspicion to be on the part the honourable members in these matters. When any honourable member finds that there is a company in which the Government take an interest and if the honourable member would write to Government about the subject, the Government will give the reasons, the shares etc., in regard to the company.

Grants for cottage industries.

144. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the grants-in-aid given to cottage industries in 1120 ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: The *statement is laid on the table.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഫ ഫ ൦ ഫ-ൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും കുടിൽ വ്യവസായത്തിന് ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: ഇവിടെ ഒന്നു രണ്ടു വീവിംഗ സ്കൂൾ തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതിനു ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Industrial loan.

145. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of industrial loans granted during the years 1119 and 1120 respectively;

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 247.

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